

Insurance Company. He became a certified life underwriter and chartered financial consultant. Al won many awards in the industry, including induction into the Equitable Hall of Fame.

After retiring in 1985, Al decided to earn a college degree, something he promised his mother earlier in his life. Al's interest in politics led him to take many political science and history courses at DePaul University. Some of his favorites included a class on American presidents and a course on race relations. He also enjoyed learning many new things such as use of the Internet, photography, and art. Al has proven that it is never too late to learn and we could all learn a great deal from his perseverance.

I know my fellow Senators will join me in congratulating Al Braiman, DePaul Class of 2003. His story contains all the elements of a great American life and I am honored to share it with my colleagues in the Senate.●

#### HONORING SUPERINTENDENT GERALD WAYNE COBB, ED.D

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, every session in Congress we spend a large amount of time discussing education in this country. Debates range from accountability to school construction to teacher recruitment. While our discussions are of the utmost importance, it is the implementation of our decisions by the individuals within the education system that changes how our children learn. Today I rise to honor a man who had dedicated his life to improving education for children in Louisiana, Dr. Gerald Wayne Cobb.

In 1960, Dr. Cobb received his bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Louisiana Tech University. Since that time he has been a crucial part of school improvements within the Lincoln Parish School System. Dr. Cobb has served as principal of Hillcrest Elementary School, Simsboro High School, and Ruston High School. He has worked as visiting associate professor at Louisiana State University and Louisiana Tech University.

Dr. Cobb has also served in the Louisiana Department of Education, working as the director of secondary education, the executive director of academic programs, and the executive assistant to the superintendent. While with the Louisiana Department of Education, Dr. Cobb was instrumental in developing the Compensatory Education Program in Louisiana which provided remediation for students not meeting the passing scores on the State's Basic Skills Testing Program. Dr. Cobb also revised Bulletin 741, which is the Louisiana Handbook for School Administration and served as the basis for the State's accreditation program. Dr. Cobb worked to increase in-service training for principals by co-authoring the Louisiana Academy for School Administrators Program and representing Louisiana at the Leadership Training for Principals.

After working with the Department of Education and serving as principal for schools throughout Lincoln Parish, Dr. Cobb continued his public service in the area of education by serving as superintendent for the Lincoln Parish School System. For the past 15 years, Dr. Cobb has immensely helped the 14 schools and 6,865 students in the Lincoln Parish School System. During his tenure, Dr. Cobb helped to construct the Lincoln Parish Secondary Alternative School at no cost to local taxpayers. He saw the students in Lincoln Parish receive the highest ACT scores throughout the State in 1996. In 2000, Ruston High School graduated seven National Merit Finalists, the most of any public, nonmagnet high school in the State. Dr. Cobb helped to expand the preschool program, implement the Even Start Program, construct a Parental Involvement Center, initiate the Career Options Program, wire all schools with the Internet, and implement 4x4 block scheduling in high schools.

The gifts that Dr. Cobb has given the Lincoln Parish School System and all of Louisiana go far beyond those that I have named above. Dr. Cobb has spent the past 43 years giving his kindness, his leadership, his vision, his service. It is to educators like Dr. Cobb that we owe many of the successes of our education policy. My best wishes are with Dr. Cobb and his family as he enters retirement.●

#### HONORING LOUIS AND LUJUANNA CARNEY

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate my good friend, Louis Carney and his wife LuJuanna. Just last week, the Carneys, who live near my family's home in Idaho Falls, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. I am honored to know them and pleased that I was asked to join the celebration.

I can think of no better way to commemorate their 50 years together than to mention that they are the proud parents of eight children, six who are still with us—Don, Nancy, Bob, Terry, Kevin, and Kenneth; and two who have rejoined their Heavenly Father—Laurie Ann and Jean Marie; the even prouder grandparents of fifteen; and the great grandparents of one. It speaks very highly of their commitment to each other and their family that so many of their family members were on hand to mark the occasion. Louis has been a very good friend to me over the years, and I appreciate his wisdom and guidance on many matters. He has been a strong supporter of the Boy Scouts of America program, and I share his enthusiasm for this program which can be so important in helping young men to learn new skills and achieve goals.

Louis and LuJuanna have been important members of our community. They are always available for those who are in need. They radiate happiness and contentment, and can be

counted on by not only their friends, but so many others. I am proud to mark their anniversary, and even more pleased to call them friends.●

#### TRIBUTE TO GARY R. COOPER

● Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and commend Gary R. Cooper upon his retirement after serving for 20 years as Executive Director of SEARCH, the National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics.

SEARCH is a national organization dedicated to enhancing the use of information and identification technology in law enforcement. SEARCH provides invaluable no-cost technical assistance, training and support to criminal justice agencies all over the country. The organization's members are Governors appointees from each State and their common goal is to ensure that the criminal justice community has access to services that will allow them to use the best technology for communications, information sharing, and criminal identification. SEARCH has been a tremendous asset to our Nation's law enforcement and this is due in no small part to the work of Gary Cooper.

Under Gary's leadership over the past 20 years, SEARCH has truly become a leader in encouraging States to participate in national information and identification technology programs. For instance, under Gary's leadership, SEARCH made a profound contribution to the States' effective participation in the Interstate Identification Index and the National Fingerprint File, and the National Crime Information Center 2000 (NCIC 2000) program.

Through SEARCH, Gary has also helped to implement policies on the national level. While Gary has headed SEARCH, it has made a profound contribution to the development and implementation of the National Criminal Background Check System. SEARCH also played a pivotal role in the development and enactment of the Crime Identification Technology Act which today creates the legal and funding platform for the Federal/State criminal justice technology partnership. Because of Gary, SEARCH was, and is, the primary State voice in support of the successful and ongoing national adoption of the Interstate Identification Index and Privacy Compact and the development of the Compact Council.

At every important moment in the past 20-year history of criminal justice information and identification technology, Gary Cooper has been a courageous leader, an untiring champion and an insightful and influential national voice.

On the occasion of his retirement, I thank Gary R. Cooper for all that he has accomplished on behalf of criminal justice in the United States.●

## HONORING HUGH BRADY

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Hugh Brady of Boise Idaho who will be inducted into the Idaho High School Activities Hall of Fame on August 6th, 2003. In 1954 Mr. BRADY started working at Idaho Sporting Goods, and he has been dedicated to helping young people in Idaho participate in athletics ever since. Mr. BRADY, who later became the owner of the sporting goods store, has sponsored Little League baseball teams, football teams, basketball teams, soccer teams, softball teams, and bowling teams. He also took the time to coach many teams over the years.

Mr. BRADY has demonstrated extraordinary support for athletics and the youth of Idaho. There have been numerous instances when a student could not afford the cost of equipment to participate in a sport and Mr. BRADY made sure that they got it. Mr. BRADY, you make Idaho proud!

For the past 4 years, Mr. BRADY has battled lung cancer. My wife, Susan, and I along with many Idahoans will keep him in our thoughts and prayers.●

## HONORING VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, earlier this week, more than 35 dedicated cyclists with People Pedaling Peace made the 200-mile trip from Hampton, VA, to Washington, DC, to honor and remember victims of gun violence. In partnership with the Alliance for Justice, the People Pedaling Peace cyclists rode not only in honor of the victims of gun violence, but for stronger, more sensible gun safety laws in America and to raise awareness of violence against children in this country.

Pedaling for Peace was started in 2001 by Sandra and Mike McSweeney whose daughter, Stephanie, was killed while walking out of a roller rink in Hampton, VA. Mr. and Mrs. McSweeney, as well as several other individuals affected by gun violence and violence against children made the journey this year. Others who made the trip include Craig Scott, whose sister Rachel is a Columbine survivor; Amber Hensley, a student at Thurston High School in Eugene, OR, who witnessed the shootings; and Lorraine Reed, mother of two daughters, one of whom was murdered and one of whom was seriously assaulted. Unfortunately, the total number of people like them who have lost family and friends to gun violence continues to grow.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the total number of gun deaths in the United States has been dropping since 1993, when it peaked at nearly 40,000, to around 28,000 annually 1999 through 2001. However, guns still kill more young people in America than the most common diseases of our time. Thousands more children are injured, lose a loved one, or live in fear of gun violence.

I hope my colleagues will join me in commending all of the cyclists who pedaled for peace, and join me in supporting sensible gun safety legislation.●

## DELBERT L. LATTA POST OFFICE BUILDING

• Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today on behalf of a bill considered by the Senate, H.R. 985, to designate a post office in Bowling Green, OH, as the Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building. I strongly support this bill honoring a long-time member of the Ohio congressional delegation. Naming this post office after Del Latta is a fitting way to honor him. The building that houses this post office also served as a district office for Mr. Latta during his 30 years of service in Congress.

Delbert Latta is a native and lifelong resident of Ohio. Born in the small northwestern town of Weston, OH, Mr. Latta attended Findlay College and Ohio Northern University Law School.

Mr. Latta began his service to our Nation as a member of the Ohio National Guard. During World War II, Mr. Latta served with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

After his military service, Mr. Latta practiced law in Bowling Green, but in 1953, he again answered the call to public service by running for the State legislature. Mr. Latta was elected to the Ohio State Senate. After serving three terms, Mr. Latta was elected by the people of Ohio's fifth congressional district to the U.S. House of Representatives. During his long and distinguished career in Congress, Mr. Latta fought hard against wasteful government spending and to balance the Federal budget, a passion that I share.

During his 30 years in Congress, Mr. Latta earned prominent committee assignments in the House, including serving as the ranking member of the Budget Committee, and as a member of the powerful Rules Committee, and the Agriculture Committee.

Naming this post office the Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building is a wonderful tribute to a man who served Ohio and our Nation with distinction throughout his life.

I thank my colleagues for their consideration of this matter.●

## TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR G. STEPHENSON

• Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the outstanding accomplishments and distinguished career of Mr. Arthur G. Stephenson upon his retirement as the Director of the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center. It has been a privilege for me to get to know Art. While retirement announcements are things that we do not like to hear when it involves someone who has been as vital to the success of an organization as Art has been to Marshall's, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed working with Art and his staff

during his tenure as the Director of the Marshall Space Flight Center.

As the Director of one of NASA's largest field installations, with more than 6,500 civil service and contract employees and an annual budget in excess of \$2 billion, Art successfully managed a very broad range of activities for the U.S. space program. Some of these critical NASA initiatives included development of new reusable launch vehicles, space shuttle propulsion, advanced space transportation systems, second and third generation propulsion technology development programs, research in microgravity, and science payload operations aboard the International Space Station. He also oversaw the establishment of the National Space Science Technology Center, a partnership with universities and Federal agencies to conduct cutting-edge research. Art also oversaw the planning and establishment of the Propulsion Research Laboratory, a world-class laboratory for research into future space transportation and propulsion technology. Art has led the Marshall Center in numerous successful space shuttle launches in which Marshall was responsible for all propulsion elements. Under Art's direction, the Marshall Center has completed testing of the truss and pressurized modules for the International Space Station, and provided support for the construction and operation of the International Space Station, including Marshall's Payload Operations Center which controls all the science experiments aboard the space station.

Art brought more than 35 years of experience in the space industry to NASA and used it to the great benefit of the Marshall Center and the U.S. space program. I could list many additional achievements and professional accomplishments, and I believe that success is directly attributable to Art's record as an extraordinary leader throughout his career.

Art has been an important and respected member of the Huntsville community. I know that I speak for many people in Huntsville and everyone in the NASA family when I say that we all thank Art for his tireless commitment to NASA and to Marshall. We sincerely hope that he and his family will remain part of the Huntsville community for many years to come.●

## ARTHUR LEVITT, JR.

• Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, earlier this month the Franklin D. Roosevelt Distinguished Public Service Award was presented to Arthur Levitt, Jr., the widely respected former chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The award is made annually by the Franklin D. and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, on whose board I am privileged to serve.

The speaker at the presentation was Conrad Black, now Lord Black, chairman of the Telegraph Group, Limited. Lord Black is active in numerous non-profit boards, foundations and councils.